

HOUSE BILL 122

By Baum

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 13, relative to family life education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1302, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

Beginning with the 2029-2030 school year, family life instruction may only be taught to students in grades six through twelve (6-12).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1304(a)(12), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(12) Notwithstanding § 49-6-1302(a)(1), inform students, in all LEAs, concerning the process of adoption and its benefits. The state board of education, with the assistance of the department of education, shall develop guidelines for:

(A) Appropriate kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) instruction on adoption, what adoption is, and the benefits of adoption. This subdivision (a)(12)(A) is repealed on July 1, 2029; and

(B) Appropriate grade six through twelve (6-12) instruction on adoption, what adoption is, and the benefits of adoption. The department shall distribute the guidelines to each LEA before the start of the 2029-2030 school year;

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.